

**CHAPTER NO. 140**

**SENATE BILL NO. 677**

**By Dixon, Kyle, Harper**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 860

By Larry Turner, Cooper, Brooks, Towns, Chumney, Pruitt, Bowers, Brown, Lois DeBerry,  
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AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, is amended by inserting the following language immediately after subsection (c) and by redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly:

(d)(1) A person whose license has been suspended, pursuant to the provisions of (a)(8) or (9), subject to the approval of the court, may pay any local fines or costs, arising from such convictions or failure to appear in any court, by establishing a payment plan with the local court or the court clerk of the jurisdiction.

(2) The department is hereby authorized to reinstate a person's driving privileges when such person provides the department with certification from the local court, or court clerk of the jurisdiction that such person has entered into a payment plan with the local court or the court clerk of the jurisdiction and has satisfied all other provisions of law relating to the issuance and restoration of a driver license.

(3) The department shall, upon notice of such person's failure to comply with any payment plan established pursuant to this subsection, suspend the license of such person. Persons who default under this subsection shall not be eligible for any future payment plans under this subsection. The department shall notify the person in writing of the proposed suspension, and upon request of such person within thirty (30) days of such notification, shall provide the person an opportunity for a hearing to show that such person, has in fact, complied with the local court's or the court clerk's payment plan. Failure to make such request within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification shall, without exception, constitute a waiver of such right.

(4) Any person who has defaulted on a pay plan to pay fines and costs for suspension actions taken under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502(a)(8) or (9), shall not be eligible to participate in a payment plan, nor shall the Department of Safety have the authority to accept a payment plan as a condition precedent to the restoration of driving privileges.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall only apply in counties having a population of not less than eight hundred twenty-five thousand (825,000) nor more than eight hundred thirty thousand (830,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 3. Any county which participates in the payment plan authorized by the provisions of this act shall pay to the state any expense required to be paid for state implementation of this act. Such payment shall be divided pro rata among the counties to which this act applies. Such payment shall be made prior to the implementation by the county of the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply only to citations issued for such offenses pursuant to § 55-50-502(a)(8) or (9) prior to July 1, 1999.

**PASSED: May 3, 1999**



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 12th day of May 1999**



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